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INQUEST OVER MUZAR'S BODY.

Coroners' Jury Empaneled this Morning and Taking of Evidence Commenced.

The inquest over the body of Steve Muzar the Wireton butcher who was shot and killed last Tuesday morning was held this morning in the Council chamber. Coroner Wynn arrived on the 10:15 train and at once proceeded to the Boro Building where the Jury was empaneled C. M. Derickson, A. Goldberg, W. L. Leamon, E. S. Metz, Harry Irwin and Eli Wolf were the gentlemen selected. C. M. Derickson was made foreman.

The Commonwealth was represented by assistant District Attorney Ralph Hurst while J. Ward Eicher appeared for the defendents.

Coroner Wynn explained to the jury that Muzar had come to his death by a 32 caliver bullet wound and described the course of the bullet as shown by the post mortem.

The widow of the murdered man was the first witness examined. Her testimony showed that Muzar left home at 3 o'clock July 2 in company with Steve Bohnkovich and John Gapis who were taking a sick man to the hospital. They are supposed to have left Muzar when they arrived at the P. & L. E. depot at Pittsburg; according to her testimony Muzar could not have been robbed of more than $60 instead of $400 as was supposed.

Chief of Police Woolsey was then called. Steve Bohokovich who boards at Muzar's home who went to Pittsburg with him was called next.

Mike Sudar who conducts the boarding house where Adam Im and Frank Smith, the two men held for the murder were staying then testified as did several of the boarders including Mike Eukich, Eliza Wuletic, Biges Ludeve and M. D. Stmac a bartender at the May Hotel, and Charley Gaenther a local tailor who saw Muzar just before he left for Pittsburg the day before the murder.

It was noon by the time these witnesses had been examinad and as several who had been subpoened had not arrived the gentlemen of the jury were invited into an adjoining room by the Coroner. It was then decided to continue the hearing at some future date to be set by the Coroner

WILL BUILD SKATING RINK

Everything is being arranged to begin the actual construction of the Monessen skating rink and in all probability work will be started by the last of next week. All the stock has been subscribed, but the officers of the company have not yet been selected. A meeting will be held this week and permanent officers chosen.

Two locations for the building are under option and at the next meeting the site will be voted upon and a final decision made and the contract let for the building. It will be 60x120 feet and will have a large balcony for the accomodation of the spectators. It is the intention of the promotors to be ready for operation by the time the season opens this fall.

Wants His Support.

Mrs. Andrew Zember wife of "Butch" Zember the pugilist swore out a warrant for the arrest of her husband on a charge of desertion and non-support. Constable Watt went to Ambridge this morning armed with the warrant and will likely bring his man to Monessen this evening. The hearing will be held before Squire Shuster unless a reconciliation is made and the two amicably adjust their [illegible]ble.

INTERESTING NEWS

Gathered by Our Reporters in Monessen and Vicinity.

H. J. Bearer was a Pittsburg business visitor today.

A cool delicious lemonade at Kirk's Fountains

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W. H. Young went to Monongahela today on a business errand.

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E. W. Keenan is clerk at Hotel May today in the absence of proprietor Johnston.

Just opened a case of Eaton Huelbut stationery. Come in and take a look at it—Light's Drug Store.

Marian, the young daughter of Mrs. Marie Janovitz is seriously ill of stomach trouble.

Mrs H. P. Baker and children left today for Point Marion where they will visit relatives for a few days.

There is a whole lot in The knowing how in making good soda. Kirk knows how.

Miss Loraine McGill of Dawson is spending a few days in town the guest of her cousin Mrs. G. F. Wright.

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Mrs. Gatrich Dead

Mrs. Gatrich, of Wireton, the Slavish woman who was so badly burned yesterday afternoon by an explosion of oil, died this morning at 9 o'clock in the McKeesport hospital. The remains were brought here this afternoon on the 2:20 train and interment will take place tomorrow afternoon in the Grandview cemetery. Rev. Shea, of the Holy Name church, will conduct the services.

Coal Road Taken Over.

The Wabash Railroad, on Thursday, began operating the Cross Creek railroad, a six mile coal road built by the Washington County Coal company from Avella to the Pittsburg of the Wabash. Passenger and frieght service will be installed on the new road in a short time

A Case of Diptheria.

A case of diphtheria has broken out in the home of Rev. S. A. Lewis pastor of the local A. M. E. church who resides in McMahon borough, one of his children being the victim. Secretary Arner of the board of health went to the place this morning and put the house under quarantine.

MAN ROBBED LAST NIGHT.

Was Walking on Railroad Near Monessen Coal Tipple.

Last night while on his way from Webster to Monessen, Ed. Miller, of Brownsville, was assaulted by highwaymen near the tipple of the Monessen Coal company and relieved of all his cash and was in somewhat of a nervous condition when he arrived in town.

Miller is a cripple, being minus one of his lower limbs. He visited his uncle in Webster yesterday afternoon and started to walk up the railroad track last night at a late hour, intending to walk as far as Monessen and take the street car to his home at Brownsville. When near the tipple two men rushed out from the darkness and demanded Miller to surrender, with which request he gracefully complied. One man held a revolver in his face while the other ransacked the pockets and took all the cash, forty cents.

Miller says one of the men was white and the other colored He gave a description of both to the police this morning, but the only way they will be captured is to be taken up as suspicious characters.

Picnic This Evening.

The Hebrew Ladies Aid of Monessen will give their first annual picnic at Electric park this evening. The committee in charge has completed all arrangements and those who attend are assured a pleasant evening. The dancing pavilion has been put in first class shape and Greenings orchestra will furnish the music. Everyone is cordially invited and as the ladies are in the habit of always doing things right the prospects are that the affair will be well attended.

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Reports from New York indicate that Thaw has his force of lawyers fully mobilized, though only a regiment or two of them have gone into action thus far.

Senator Beveridge has been presented with the pen with which the President signed the meat inspection bill. That is the pen that made a noise like a muckrake.

Paris now reports that the French people have quit following Mr. John D. Rockefeller as he goes from place to place. It is just as well. He never drops a nickel anywhere.

Bryan's boom is working his party to such a pinch of enthusiasm that many democrats who have been consistently voting for Andrew Jackson all these years, are tempted to shift.

As evidence that the Indian Territory has reached a stage of civilization that entitles her to statehood, the druggist is advertising "house paint, face paint and nose paint.

There are some strong indications that the political boss who names the candidates this year, will find early in November that he lacks a few of being for the majority of the voters.

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WOMEN HOTEL CLERKS.

How Those In Europe Impressed a Woman Traveler.

In most European hotels in the smaller places the visitor is met at the desk by a woman instead of by the perfunctory clerk so familiar to Americans at home. I think this is because a woman can be more successful in the art of common, everyday robbery One doesn't like to argue about the prices with a sweet, smiling little lady, who seems to be exerting herself to an extreme degree to secure one's comfort and happiness, but if one happens to be making short stops here and there it is wise to put away suavity for the time being to the extent at least of an occasional mild protestation.

When madame smiles benignly and tells you that the room you have chosen, with everything included, will be 20 francs a day it is well to remember that "everything included" doesn't include everything by any means There are a hundred and one little "extras," like tea, after dinner coffee, coffee and rolls in your room in the morning and such like luxuries, to say nothing of service, which must be paid for first hand if it is to be enjoyed at all. So at 20 francs madame is probably taking chances against a protest and will be enormously pleased with herself if none is forthcoming It is the same all up and down the scale of prices, but I suppose those who can afford to go up the scale never care particularly.—Eleanor Franklin in Leslie's Weekly.

SOURCE OF SHELLAC.

The East India Insects That Produce the Resinous Substance.

India is the home of the Coccus lacca, the insects that produce the resinous substance known as shellac. The females puncture the twigs of several different kinds of trees, among them the bo, the bihar and the buten, and the twigs become incrusted with a hard, nearly transparent, reddish, resinous substance that serves the double purpose of protecting the eggs and finally furnishing food for the young insects.

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FIGHTING FISH.

Peculiar Animals That Are Found Only In Siamese Waters.

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It is no unusual thing to see in the streets of Siam crowds of natives chattering and gesticulating around a bowl containing a number of these fish, which they bet on in the same way as more civilized people do on race horses Intense excitement reigns among the natives as they watch the fish fighting within the bowl.

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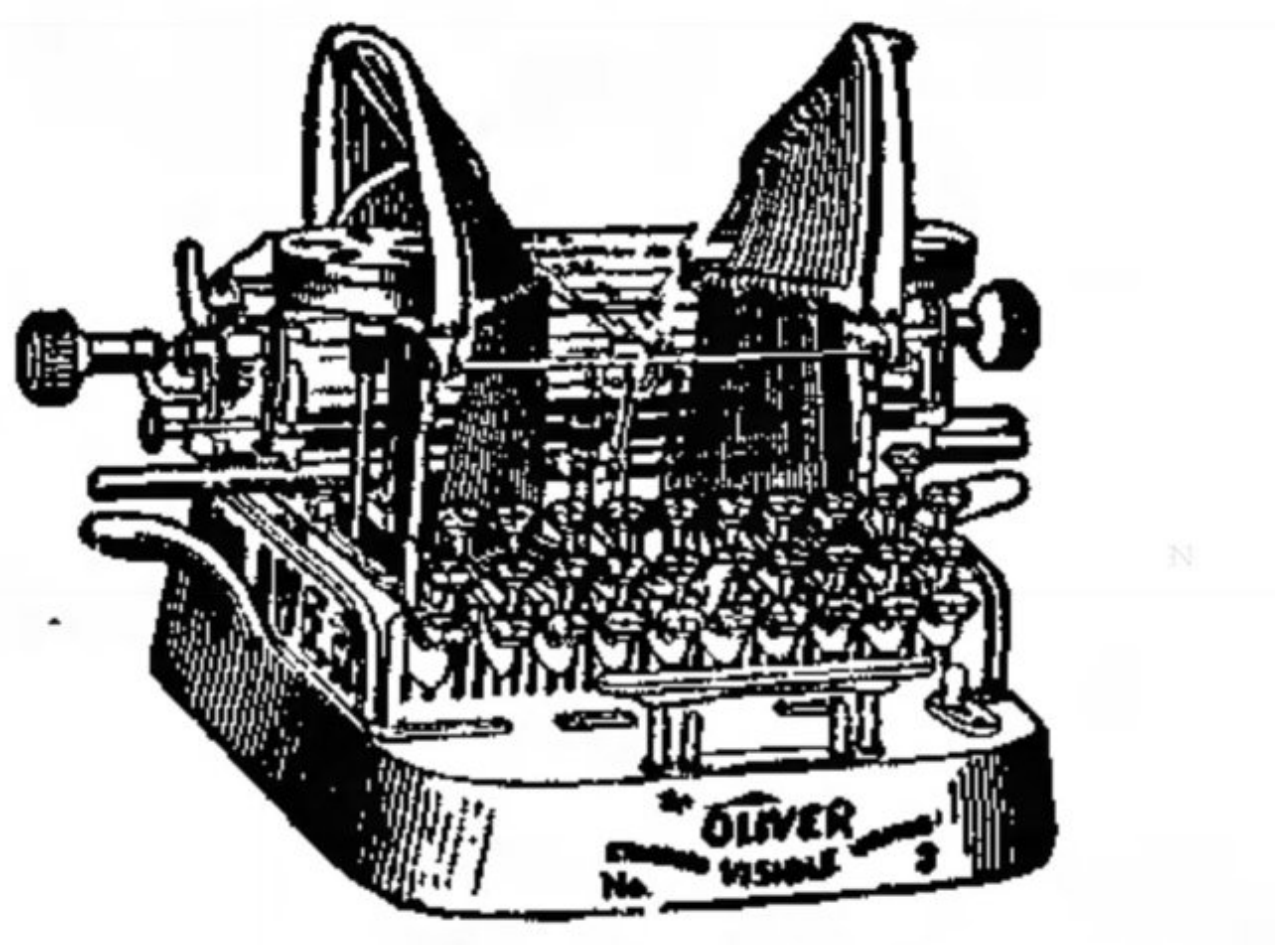

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AMONG THE LILACS

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It was a warm spring evening, so warm that they had ventured to sit out on the little wooden veranda. There was a suggestion of approaching summer in the breeze, and the air was redolent with lilacs. By glancing toward the right it was not difficult to see where the fragrance came from. On the other side of the hedge in the deepening twilight was a purple forest of plumes, and beyond that, white in the gray light, rose the old Howard house, the oldest in the tiny village as well as the largest. Selden Howard was the only living representative of the family.

Presently the group on Mrs. Jones' veranda began to speak of Selden, leading up to the subject from the fragrance of the bushes.

"Them lilocks is sickishly sweet," observed Mrs. Jones herself.

"Really nauseating," acquiesced the boarder who had been spending the winter here in this little cottage among the Berkshire hills. "By the way, I saw a strange man at the postoffice this morning and I overheard some one say he was Mr. Howard. Very good looking man he was and seemed to know a thing or two."

"That's him," confirmed Mrs. Jones. "But why shouldn't he know a thing or two? He don't do nothin' but travel and trapse round the country. Hardly ever home and won't have a thing to do with the people in the village."

The moon was beginning to show red and low in the warm dusk, and the lilacs made superb black shadow effects on the lawn. The little tired out city girl who sat on the lowest step of the veranda and who had just arrived that day had nothing to say. She was filling her whole soul with the beauty of the coming night.

Pretty soon, carrying her lamp, she went upstairs to her bedroom. She looked at the high mound of feather bed and at the small window at the foot into which was already flooding the spring moonlight. For a moment she stood irresolute; then she lowered the shade, slipped on a cheesecloth kimono, drew the pins from her hair, letting it fall about her shoulders, blew out the lamp and followed her whim to lean from the casement.

It had been a very long while since Katherine Hope had looked from a window over a garden when the moon was shining. True, from the window of their stodgy city lodgings on Eleventh street, her mother's and hers, she had leaned out at times when her head was hot and aching with too much work and had caught a breath of outside air. But that was so different. From that window she could look out only on clotheslines, sheds, the back windows of the boarding houses on the next street, and there whatever restful thoughts might come to her were made havoc of by an accordion, cheap coon songs or the caterwauling of feline creatures on the fences below.

And now—oh, the feathery, pale florescence of the lilacs over yonder! Katherine drew her breath in with delight as their dominant scent came up to her. If only her dear mother could be with her to enjoy the beauty of it all! But that had not been possible. When the physician had shaken his head gravely over his young patient's wornout condition and commanded an immediate change in the country it had been all that mother and daughter could do to scrape together the meager savings for Katherine's rest of a fortnight. And Katherine was not one to mew and whimper over impossibilities. She was here now, and she would make the best of every moment to grow strong and well again that she might go back with new life to her office work and the companionship of her sacrificing little mother.

The mild country air and the thousand odors of the spring played upon her face and lifted her loosened hair, gilded by the moonshine into the likeness of an aureole. Her white kimono fell softly around her; from the position in which she held her arms her soft elbows were plainly visible, and her exquisite face, leaning back a bit against the dark painted frame of the window, stood out like a cameo.

The girl was little conscious of anything except the wonder of the night, nor was she aware of one who watched her a moment from the shadow of the lilacs in the garden beyond the hedge. Selden Howard was returning from his dog kennels, whence he had gone to look after a sick collie, when his eye had chanced to fall upon the figure in the casement, and in sheer artistic appreciation had rested there.

"She's like some young princess," he thought to himself, pursuing his way toward the big house, "or a goddess. Her hair's like the silvery floss around corn. Her name ought to be Perdita, Marpessa or Ariadne. How ever in the world did the Jones family stumble across such a creature?" The glamour of the girl wove itself into his dreams, and in waking intervals he pondered on plans for an acquaintance. "Ah, ha, I have it!" at last laughed he.

Early the next morning he went a-fishing. As luck would have it, he secured a well filled creel. On his way home, without ceremony, he lifted the latch of Mrs. Jones' low back gate and entered. He walked right up to the kitchen window, for there stood Mrs. Jones rolling the dough for breakfast biscuit.

"Good morning, Mrs. Jones," said he. "I've got such a jolly big creel full of fish here that I don't know what to do with them. There's no one over there"—nodding toward the big white house—"but my housekeeper, and she's sick this morning; so I'm wondering if you'll accept these?" With the gallantry of a knight he held out to her his creel.

"Oh, Mr. Selden!" exclaimed the good woman, a bit flustered, but smiling with unmistakable appreciation. (Would the heavens fall next? When had Mr. Selden Howard last honored her humble dwelling like this? Surely not since his mother died, poor soul!) "Accept them? Well, I just guess I will! And so Mrs. Patch is sick! Well, you'll just stay here to breakfast. It'll be all ready in fifteen minutes." This was as much as Howard had hoped for.

"You're awfully kind, Mrs. Jones," he said, affecting surprise. "And—yes, I believe I'll stay. I've a sick collie over in the kennels. I'll go back and look after her; then I'll be back to accept your hospitality."

When Katherine Hope entered the dining room Mrs. Jones of course presented Mr. Howard.

"How do you do, Mr. Howard," said she conventionally, with a smile, a little tired in spite of the play of childish dimples. But Selden was looking down admiringly on the fine, white parting that separated the braids of purest flax.

"And how d'ye like them, Mr. Selden?" asked Mrs. Jones a bit later, referring to the biscuit.

"I love them," answered he, referring to the girl's dimples.

Of course that was only the beginning. After that Selden Howard managed almost daily to meet Katherine, or at least to catch a glimpse of her. Her lovely, tired eyes and little, quiet ways appealed to him in an infinitely more tender and real fashion than had those of many a pampered beauty whom he'd met in the course of his varied travels.

One morning Katherine was reading "The House of Mirth" out on the veranda. At least she was supposed to be reading it In reality she had closed the book, keeping the page marked with her slim forefinger. She had only two days more here in God's green earth, and the lilacs seemed to be calling her imperatively. She had been breathing in lilacs to that extent that her thoughts seemed to be fairly scented with them. All at once an impulse of yielding came to her. Why in the world should she not step over the low hedge and go into the lilac garden?

She did. Bees hung above the purple bloom, and a little attenuated fountain tinkled in the distance. Oh, it was altogether enchanting. Just then a golden eyed sable collie came leisurely down the curved walk to meet her.

"You beauty!" cried the girl exultantly, stooping to pat the dog's queenly head. The collie, with slowly swishing tail, gently kissed her behind the ear.

A commanding whistle from around the turn of the walk, and then:

"Mollie, Mollie, old girl, where are you?" Mollie sat with one ear up, the other down, as collies will when perplexed. She loved her master—but also she loved her new found friend.

"Ah!" cried Selden, coming upon them unexpectedly. "But it is beautiful to find you in my garden!" he said, looking gladly upon Katherine. "Do you know, last night I dreamed you were here. You are very, very welcome, little lady."

"You see," she explained helplessly, trying to hide her telltale blushes, "it was the lilacs. They called me."

Suddenly he took both her hands in his and drew her toward the bushes.

"Dear lilacs," he whispered whimsically, "she is here now—on enchanted ground—and we must keep her. You belong to my garden," he added masterfully, turning full upon Katherine, "and I will not let you go. The house yonder is very lonely and waits for you. You will stay?"

Her answer? Well, she was a girl and very tired, and he was a man and strong—and it was spring—and they were among the lilacs!

The Kangaroo at Bay.

When pursued the kangaroo, if possible, directs his flight toward the river. If he reaches it, he enters and, thanks to his great height, is able to go on foot to a depth where the dogs are obliged to swim. There he plants himself on his two hind legs and his tail, and, up to his shoulders in the water, he waits the attack of the dogs. With his fore paws he seizes by the head the first dog that approaches him, and, as he is more solidly balanced than his assailant, he holds the dog's nose under water as long as he can. Unless a second dog speedily comes to the rescue the first one is sure to be drowned. If a companion arrives and by his attacks on the kangaroo manages to set the captive free the half drowned brute is glad to regain the shore as quickly as possible. In this way a strong and courageous male kangaroo will hold his own against twenty or thirty dogs, drowning some and frightening others, and the hunter is obliged to intervene with a bullet.

The Scorpion of Ceylon.

A more disagreeable object than a scorpion of Ceylon it would be difficult to imagine. Although, as a rule, it does not measure more than seven inches in length, there is a species found in the woods that are longer than a foot. They crawl out of some dried wood, and, taking up their position on a convenient rock or stone, look, as they hold their great jointed sting curved over their backs and their claws held aloft, the very picture of aggressive warfare. Here they stretch themselves in the broiling sun and await their prey. These are the small, beautiful honeybirds that dart from flower to flower and take the place of the humming birds of the east. As one approaches the scorpion seems to shrink into the stone until it becomes almost imperceptible. Suddenly the great insect will raise its claws and dart at its beautiful victim, which in a moment is destroyed.

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Charleroi 7 Monongahela 3.

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Clubs	Won	Lost	Pct.
Charleroi	16	5	.765
California	13	7	.650
Monongahela	9	9	.500
Belle Vernon	9	11	.450
Monessen	7	12	.386
Fayette City	5	15	.250

Games Today
Charleroi at California.
Fayette City at Monessen.

Charleroi Defeats Monongahela

Charleroi further strengthened her hold on first place yesterday by defeating Monongahela in an eight inning contest 7 to 3 Pollard opened up on the firing line for Monongahela, but in the second inning the visitors took kindly to his delivery and hammered out a half dozen runs before the slugging could be stopped. He was relieved by Price who pitched good ball the remaining six innings. McIlvain was on the rubber for Charleroi and at no time were the home swattists permitted to take much liberty with his curves. The score:

Monongahela—	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Griffith, 3	0	1	1	0	0
Haywood, 2	0	1	0	0	0
Kuntz, l	0	1	0	0	0
Howe, m	0	2	3	1	0
McGinly, s	0	0	0	0	0
Duffy, 1	1	1	7	0	1
McKnight, r	1	0	1	0	0
Woods, c	1	2	12	1	1
Pollard, p	0	0	0	3	1
Price, p	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	3	8	24	8	3

Charleroi—	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Kennoy, s	0	1	1	0	2
McCleary, m	1	0	2	0	0
Springer, 1	0	1	6	0	0
Solson, l	1	2	0	0	0
Abbott, r	1	0	0	0	0
Matthews, 2	0	1	1	2	1
Harmuth, 3	1	0	0	2	0
Fisher, c	1	1	12	0	1
McIlvain, p	1	1	2	4	0
Totals	7	7	24	8	4

Monongahela	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	—3
Charleroi	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	—7

Bases on balls—Off Pollard, 3; off Price, 3; off McIlvain, 2. Struck out—By Pollard, 2; by Price, 10; by McIlvain 11. Passed ball—Woods. Wild pitch—Pollard, McIlvain. Hit by pitcher—Fisher, McKnight, Griffith, Abbott. Hits—Off Pollard, 3; off Price, 9; off McIlvain, 8. Time—2:25. Umpire—Naylor Attendance—500.

Poor Teachers.

A school board in Missouri is carrying its authority to a somewhat ridiculous limit. It is demanding statements from the teachers under its jurisdiction as to whether they intend to marry before the opening of the fall term. It is an autocratic demand, as well as an embarrassing one. Three months intervene between the close of school and the fall opening. Who can tell what happy events will be brought about during this period? The hopes of June may ripen into fall fruitage neath August's sun.

The July picnic, the shaded porch, the swing in the old apple tree, the stroll neath the silvery light of the harvest moon—each of these may play an important part in this subtle game of matrimony. And yet, this important school board would have its employes notify it promptly—promptly, mind you—if they intend to marry within a definate period of time.

Will Hold Luncheon.

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The management have expressed a determination to make this the banner show year in the history of Monessen and it was this determination that led to a desire to produce the best talent obtainable

Pennsylvania Experiment Station.

Numerous complaints have been sent to the Experiment Station of certain insects doing serious damage to grapes, cherries and roses. Some letters include among the list of plants the peach, plum, pear and blackberry. As a matter of fact, however, the entire list of plants on which the insect feeds is much longer, for the flowers of paeonies, spiraeas, mock orange and many other plants are eaten by these insects which are known commonly as "Rose-bugs" or "Rose-chafers," (macrodactylus subspinosus.) They are unusually prevalent this season over the State and for that reason are attracting the attention of many persons for the first time.

The larvae of the Rosebug are seldom seen because they feed on the roots of grasses and other plants and never do serious damage in that stage. They occur mostly in light sandy soils, and pupate in the Spring, the adult beetles appearing in the month of June. The beetles fly a great distance in search of food and settle upon a garden or orchard where they have been scarcely known before and cause great damage. They prefer to eat the petals, stamens and small fruits in flower but will also attack foliage. The insect is difficult to combat because of the continuous appearance of new individuals for a period of several weeks. The arsenical poisons are too slow in their action, and contact poisons must be applied too strong for the plants to kill the insects. The only treatment that can be recommended is to cover small plants, like choice rose bushes, with a mosquito bar cloth, leaving no place for the insects to enter. In other cases the beetles should be gathered daily by hand, tossing them into pans or buckets containing a little coal oil. Such expensive treatment would not be profitable with most crops and the insects must simply be permitted to take all they want.

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READ THE "INDEPENDENT"

OFFICER HELD FOR COURT.

As Result of Fourth of July Squable with Drunken Foreigner.

The outcome of a Fourth of July squabble is still hanging fire and may yet get into court just long enough to give the Grand jury time to ignore the bill.

On the above date Officer Kepple was called up Third street hollow to quell a disturbance. When he arrived he found John Smith, a Slavish resident of that section, had been imbibing too freely and was trying to take possession of everything in sight. The officer took hold of his man and attempted to take him to the lockup, whereupon Smith protested to such an extent that the policeman was compelled to summon help in order to land the desperate foreigner behind the bars.

Officers Wheatley and Coulter responded to the "bugle" and the man proved to be a powerful enemy to the three policemen and in order to place him under the arm of the law it became necessary to land him a few which according to the evidence was done very gracefully.

However Smith was landed and kept in the lockup until the following morning when he was arraigned before Mayor Shattedly on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was fined in accordance with the charge, but not being satisfied with the decision of the court, Smith went to Belle Vernon and had the policemen arrested on a charge of assault and battery. Squire Bell took the case and sent a constable to Monesson and the three men were taken to Belle Vernon yesterday afternoon and were given a hearing.

The dispenser of the law up there considered the evidence sufficient to hold the men for court and the three policemen were placed under bond for their appearance. In the scuffle before the two latter officers arrived, Kepple's cap, mace and revolver were taken and as a result an information was made against Smith, charging him with larceny. The hearing will be held this evening before Squire Shuster of Monessen.

A LUCKY ESCAPE.

Quick Wit and Daring Ruse of a Russian Revolutionist.

Nowhere outside of the pages of fiction would we expect such an incident as the following from the personal story of the Russian revolutionist Narodny. Narodny had just jumped from a window to escape the police. "When I scrambled to my feet I discovered myself in the yard and among half a dozen soldiers. I was without overcoat and hat—a very suspicious figure—and, having neither, I could not escape even could I get by the soldiers who surrounded me," he said.

"I jerked a card from my pocket—to this day I do not know what it was—and handed it to one of the soldiers. 'Here is my card,' I said rapidly. 'I am a member of the secret police. One of these revolutionists is trying to escape. I am after him. Quick! Give me your coat and hat!'

"He automatically obeyed. I slipped on his coat and hat and to all appearances was a soldier of the czar. I walked past the guarded gate of the yard, out into the street. Before me were thousands of soldiers. I saw my friends being brought down from the hall and put into the black vans, about which stood guards of Cossacks. I marched through my friends (all of that group are in prison today save only myself and the friend who escaped with me) with the air of a soldier on a very important message and pressed on through the mass of other soldiers that filled the street."—American Magazine.

His Lamp.

Teacher (of east side school)—I wonder how many of you remember the pretty story of Aladdin and the wonderful lamp I told you last week. Billy Bleecker, can you tell me why our little friend Aladdin rubbed his lamp? Billy Bleecker (vaguely)—If he wuzn't gettin' sleepy he must 'a' had a cinder in it.—Puck.

Caustic.

Scene—Train stopping at small roadside station. Irritable Old Gentleman—What on earth do they stop at a station like this for? Objectionable Passenger (alighting)—To allow me to get out Irritable Old Gentleman—Ah! I see it has its advantages, then?

Up Against It.

"Snobson says he'd rather be alone than in unpleasant company."

"But the worst of his case is, he can't escape even then!"—Detroit Free Press.

Agreed.

The Herr—It is of no use. We must get a separation. The Frau—That is what I say. Isn't it beautiful how we agree?

A DIPLOMATIC YANKEE TRICK

[Original.]

The Russian fleet had been destroyed by Admiral Togo in the sea of Japan.

The Japanese minister at Berlin sat in his cabinet, evidently waiting for some one. Presently the door opened and a man of the Yankee type entered. The minister closed the door himself, looked about him as if remembering that walls have ears, then said:

"Have you your trap completed?"

"I have, your excellency."

"Very well. It is possible that you may put it to good use. I have secret information that a member of the German diplomatic staff will leave the foreign office tonight bearing an important proposition to the czar. He will be dressed in plain costume, such as a humble citizen might wear. He will take a common cab and drive to the station. It is of supreme importance that he be delayed, so that he cannot communicate either with his own or the Russian government. I have sent for you to undertake this task because you have done better work for me than even my own countrymen, who are adepts in such matters. Do you think you can effect what I desire?"

"I can try, your excellency."

"Very well. The messenger goes on the 5 o'clock train. He must leave the foreign office about 4.30. It is now 10," looking at his watch. "Have you time enough?"

"Plenty, your excellency."

At 4:35 p. m. a man left the foreign office carrying a gripsack. A coachman eyed him sharply as he had been eying every one who had come on, and, driving forward, touched his hat, got down from the box and opened his cab door. The gentleman was passing on when he took out his watch, turned and got into the cab. The coachman mounted the box, drawing a long sigh, as if of infinite relief, and drove as ordered to the station. He had no sooner started, however, before he began to press something under his foot, as though pumping. The man within felt a sudden faintness. He had only time to notice spray coming from a tube beside him when he lost consciousness.

When he came to himself he was lying on a couch in a strange room. He felt ill and dizzy. Calling up all his strength, he arose and went to the door, which he found locked. The only window in the room was far above him, but he pulled a table under it and, mounting, looked out at a wall. He knew that he had been trapped.

In the ceiling he noticed an oval place and was wondering what it was when it opened and a tray was lowered through the aperture on which was a supper, including a bottle of wine. The opening closed immediately, and the prisoner was too absorbed in his misfortune to remove the tray from the floor, but presently coming to a different state of mind he placed it on a table and drank a glass of the wine. The sun rose and set, just how many times he did not know, while he remained a prisoner, getting his meals regularly. At last he lost something of his chagrin and ate as usual. He knew that the necessity for his detention would in time end and he would be released, but would not the destiny of two nations be changed by his imprisonment?

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The newspapers of the world were full of the letters to the emperors of Russia and Japan from the president of the United States calling on them in the name of humanity to end a struggle that had virtually been fought to a finish. A telegram in cipher was sent to the German embassy in Russia, directing a withdrawal of a certain proposition that had been recently sent, and a messenger was dispatched to find out why that messenger had not reported. A reply came from St. Petersburg that no such proposition had been received and that the messenger had not been heard of. Then there was consternation on the part of the foreign office at Berlin. No more important message had ever left the foreign office. Indeed, it was so important that it would not have been accepted unless written and signed by the emperor. In the hands of another power it would paralyze all the government schemes. But there was nothing to fear on this score. It was still in the messenger's hands. Delay only was the object of those who had detained him.

One evening the messenger heard a click in the lock of his door and trying it found himself free. In half an hour he appeared at the foreign office and told his story. The police seized the building in which he had been held, but never traced the person who had rented it.

One morning the Yankee appeared at the office of the Japanese minister in Berlin and was admitted to his cabinet. Again the minister looked about him as if for ears. His expression was devoid of pleasure, of fear, of triumph, indeed, of any emotion.

"Has all gone well, your excellency?"

"My country has been saved."

"May I know your secret?"

"You have earned a knowledge of it. When I sent for you I had been informed by our secret service men in Washington that your president was to speak for peace. From my spies here I knew that the emperor of Germany was about to offer assistance to the czar. If his offer could be delayed till after the president had spoken he would not dare to face the opinion of the world by furnishing support to prolong the struggle."

"Good, your excellency. I suppose the president will get the credit of the peace to come, but I think I have had something to do with it."

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Why He Liked It.

"Do you mean to tell me that you have lived in this out of the way place for ten years?"

"That's right, stranger. Just ten years."

"I'm surprised. I can't see what you find here to keep you busy."

"I can't find anything. That's the reason I like it."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Only In Chemistry.

Tommy—Paw, doesn't precipitation mean the same as settling? Mr. Figg—It does in chemistry, but in business you'll find that most men in settling don't show any precipitation at all.

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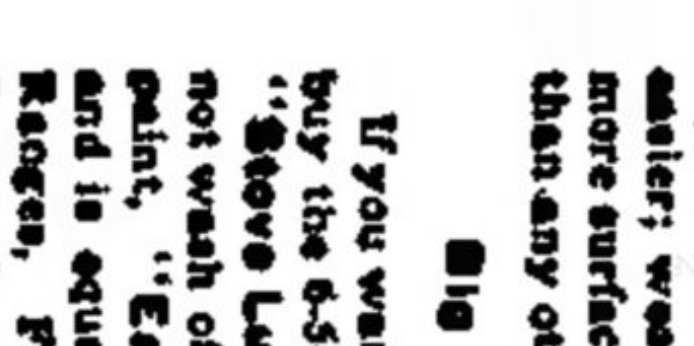

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